

BRIDGE ACROSS ST. FRANCIS LAKE, ARKANSAS.

MAY 25, 1898.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

Mr. DAVIS, from the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce,
submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 10087.]

The Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 10087) to authorize the construction of a bridge across St. Francis Lake, at or near Lake City, State of Arkansas, having had the same under consideration, report the bill to the House with the recommendation that it do pass, with the two amendments indicated and set forth.

The reply of the Secretary of War, to whom the bill was referred by your committee, requesting his judgment thereon, together with the letter of Chief of Engineers, United States Army, are hereto attached and made a part of this report.

[First indorsement.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, May 7, 1898.

Respectfully returned to the chairman Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, House of Representatives, inviting attention to the accompanying report of the Chief of Engineers, United States Army, dated May 5, 1898, recommending certain amendments to the bill as indicated on a copy thereof herewith.

R. A. ALGER, *Secretary of War.*

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF ENGINEERS, UNITED STATES ARMY,
Washington, May 5, 1898.

SIR: I have the honor to return herewith a letter dated the 28th ultimo, from the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce of the House of Representatives, inclosing, for the views of the War Department thereon, H. R. 10087, Fifty-fifth Congress, second session, "A bill to authorize the construction of a bridge across Saint Francis Lake, at or near Lake City, State of Arkansas," and, in reply to its reference to this office, I recommend certain amendments to the bill, which are indicated on a copy of the same herewith submitted.

As thus amended I know of no objection to the passage of the bill by Congress, so far as the interests of navigation are concerned.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN M. WILSON,
Brig. Gen., Chief of Engineers, U. S. Army.

Hon. R. A. ALGER,
Secretary of War.